

“The Great Rat’s Perspective”
ELA 8 Writing Assignment
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Directions: Write a first-person narrative from the rat’s point of view. Use Laurence Yep’s story structure. Include dialog, description, and action.

Emulate Yep’s Story Structure!

- _____/10 The narrative begins with background information about the speaker (rat).
- _____/10 Action events occur chronologically.
- _____/10 Commentary (about family and/or belief) interrupts the action of the story.
- _____/10 Deeper meaning (theme) is conveyed at the end of the action/story.

Be the rat!

- _____/10 First person point of view is used (I, me, we, us) for the rat.

Engage the reader with action and imagery (description that appeals to the senses)!

- _____/10 The action events are related to Yep’s “The Great Rat Hunt.”
- _____/10 Description is used. (adjectives)

Create Voice for your character(s)!

- _____/10 Dialog is used. (Internal thoughts are in “quotes” or characters talk to one another with what they say in “quotes.”)

Presentation is important!

- _____/10 MLA Style Heading: Name, class, instructor, date due (DS)
- _____/10 The narrative is either typed (DS) or neatly written skipping lines.

_____/100 **Points Possible**